

Senator Bumpass introduced a "bill granting charters to Robt. A. Rike, E. Dobson, A. Reece and James Farres, to build toll bridges across Pilot Grove Creek, Sister Grove Creek and East Fork, on the direct road leading from McKinney to Greenville by Farmersville in Collin county," and asked that it be referred to a select committee of three, naming Senators Blount, Nelson and Lane.

Bill read first and second times and referred to select committee indicated.

On motion of Senator Nelson, the President appointed Senator Bumpass chairman of said committee.

On motion of Senator Shannon, the President appointed a select committee of three, asked for in message from the Governor, to investigate the affairs of the General Land Office.

The President announced Senators Shannon, Foscue and Braswell as the committee.

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 16, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Record, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition or memorial of the citizens of Colorado county, asking the prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Osage Academy, in said county, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report the following bill, and recommend its passage.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

"A bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Osage Academy, in the county of Colorado, except for medicinal or sacramental purposes."

Received, to come up in order, and bill read first time.

Senator Shelley, in behalf of Judiciary Committee, reported the following :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of the citizens of Georgetown, in Williamson county, asking "a Charter of Incorporation," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage. The committee are informed that the memorialists cannot avail themselves of the provisions of the general law, not having the requisite number of population.

SHELLEY.

"A bill to incorporate the town of Georgetown, in Williamson county."

Laid over, to come up in order, and bill read first time.

Senator Reed, Chairman of Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported as follows :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Brazos Bridge Company," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. REED, Chairman.

"A bill to incorporate the Brazos Bridge Company."

Laid over, to come up in order, and bill read first time.

Senator Yarbrow, Chairman of Committee on Manufactures and Commerce, reported as follows :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Manufactures and Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Austin county, praying for a charter to manufacture cotton and woollen fabrics, after considering the same, have instructed me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. YARBROW, Chairman.

"A bill to incorporate the Hempstead Concordia Manufacturing Company."

Laid over, to come up in order, and bill read first time.

Senator Record, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, reported as follows :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the report and bill of the Committee on Printing, recommending the repeal

of so much of an act entitled "An Act to regulate the Public Printing," passed November 22d, 1859, as relates to the printing of the Journals of the Legislature, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report the accompanying joint resolution as a substitute therefor, and recommend its adoption.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Report received, to come up in order.

Senator Shelley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to collect the desks and chairs belonging to the Senate, for the use of the several Senate committees and newspaper reporters.

Adopted.

Senator Coppedge introduced a bill to relieve W. D. Burress of the disabilities of minority.

Read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Parker introduced a bill to incorporate the Brownsville Bridge Company.

Read first and second times, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator McDade offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate will proceed to classify its Senators, under the requirements of the Constitution, August 16th, 1866. The Secretary of the Senate will prepare thirty-three tickets, sixteen of which are to be numbered No. 1, which will represent the first class and seventeen tickets will be marked No. 2, which will represent second class, which tickets shall be placed in ballot box and drawn out by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Adopted.

On motion of Senator Nelson, the vote adopting the resolution was reconsidered.

Senator Shelley proposed to amend by adding: "As the roll is called by the Secretary, and those drawing No. 1 shall constitute the first class, and those drawing No. 2 shall constitute the second class."

Adopted.

Resolution, as amended, adopted.

The Senate then proceeded, under the resolution, to classify the Senators. The following Senators drew No's. 1 :

Braswell, Boyd, Cook, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Gentry, Guinn of Angelina, Guinn of Cherokee, McDade, Nelson, Parker, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon and Truitt. Those drawing No. 2, were Senators Blount, Boyd, Brewer, Bumpass, Burney,

Cooley, Foscue, Jowers, Knox, Love, Littleton, Neyland, Randolph, Record, Shelley, Stell, Warren and Yarbrow.

Senator Guinn of Cherokee offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending Articles 55, 56 and 58 of the Penal Code, Part II, Title I, and such other provisions as the committee may think best, so as to make the Code conform to the Constitution, as amended, and report by bill or otherwise.

Adopted.

Senator Record moved that the rule be suspended, in order that the joint resolution reported by Judiciary Committee, recommending passage of substitute. "An Act to regulate the public printing," passed Nov. 22nd, 1859, be taken up.

Motion carried.

Question recurring upon the adoption of the substitute, the same was put and carried.

Upon motion of Senator Record, the resolution was taken up and ordered to be engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Foscue, the rule was further suspended, and resolution read third time and passed.

Senator Saufley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to examine the Vagrant Laws now in force, and recommend such amendments as they, in their judgment, think the state of the country demands, and report by bill or otherwise.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Shannon introduced a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas.

Bill read first and second times, and upon motion of Senator Shannon, referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Senator Blount introduced a bill to amend Article 382, Title second, Chapter third of the Penal Code.

Bill read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Brown offered the following resolution ; that :

Whereas, The carrying of deadly weapons by boys and freedmen, (particularly pistols) has become a great nuisance, as well as disgusting to order loving people :

Resolved therefore, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of abating said evil by taxation or otherwise.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to amend article 756 of an act to adopt and establish a Penal Code for the State of Texas, approved August 28th, 1856.

Bill read first and second times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Selman introduced the following bills, which were read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee :

A bill to incorporate the officers and members of St. John's Lodge No. 53 of (Ancient York) Free and Accepted Masons, located and working at Tyler in Smith county.

A bill to incorporate the officers and members of William Tell Lodge No. 27, of I. O. O. F, of the State of Texas.

A bill to incorporate the officers and members of Tyler Temple of Honor No. 8, of the State of Texas, and a bill to incorporate the officers and patriarchs of Rural Encampment No. 19, of the I. O. O. F, of the State of Texas.

A message was received from the House, announcing its concurrence in the joint resolution of the Senate appointing a committee to examine the affairs of the General Land Office, and that the following committee had been appointed, viz : Messrs. King, Whitton, Kent, Black and Thurmond.

Senator Selman presented petition of J. H. Ballard, asking that the disability of minority be removed.

Petition referred to Judiciary Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A joint resolution, assuring his Excellency the President of the United States, of the loyalty of the people of Texas, and asking that the troops now quartered in the interior be removed to the frontier, was taken from the President's desk, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Stell, the rule was suspended, and resolution put on its final reading and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Hart's Creek Turnpike Company, in Titus county, was taken from President's desk, with report of select committee.

The amendment (striking out the words Chief Justice, whenever they occur, and inserting County Judge) proposed by select committee, was made.

Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Shelley moved to further amend, by striking out the provision which exempts the citizens of Titus county from the payment of tolls.

Motion lost.

Senator Braswell moved to amend by filling blank with name of Henry W. Jones.

Amendment made.

Upon motion of Senator Guinn of Cherokee, rule was suspended and bill read third time.

The yeas and nays being called on the final passage of the bill, stood thus :

YEAS—Senators Braswell, Blount, Brown, Bumpass, Burney, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Guinn of Cherokee, Lane, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Shannon, Stell and Truitt.—21.

NAYS—Senators Cooley, Foscue, Selman, Shelley and Yarbro—5.

So the bill passed.

Upon motion of Senator Stell, Senator Shelley was added to the Committee on State Affairs.

Upon motion of Senator Guinn of Cherokee, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 17, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Message received from His Excellency Governor Throckmorton.

Senator Randolph, Chairman of Committee on Penitentiary, reported as follows :

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Penitentiary, to whom was referred the resolution of the House appointing a committee to visit the State Penitentiary, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report it back, with the recommendation that the Senate concur in the resolution to the extent of appointing one Senator to co-operate with the committee on the part of the House.

RANDOLPH, Chairman.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Reed, Chairman of Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported as follows :

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Brownsville Bridge Company," have had the same under consideration,